

House File 2117 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO LSB 5203SS
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the annual adjustment of the personal needs
2 allowance for residents of certain institutional health
3 facilities.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 5203HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 249A.30A, Code Supplement 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 249A.30A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE == PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE ==
1 4 COST OF LIVING INDEX.
1 5 The personal needs allowance under the medical assistance
1 6 program, which may be retained by a resident of a nursing
1 7 facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with
1 8 mental retardation, or an intermediate care facility for
1 9 persons with mental illness, as defined in section 135C.1, or
1 10 who is a resident of a psychiatric medical institution for
1 11 children as defined in section 135H.1, shall be fifty dollars
1 12 per month. The personal needs allowance for such residents
1 13 shall be increased annually, on January 1, in an amount by the
1 14 same percentage as the most recent cost of living adjustment
1 15 announced by the United States social security administration
1 16 for the purpose of determining social security benefits. A
1 17 resident who has income of less than fifty dollars the amount
1 18 specified under this section per month shall receive a
1 19 supplement from the state in the amount necessary to receive a
1 20 personal needs allowance of fifty dollars the specified amount
1 21 per month, if funding is specifically appropriated for this
1 22 purpose.

EXPLANATION

1 23
1 24 This bill provides for a cost of living increase, annually,
1 25 on January 1, in the personal needs allowance under the
1 26 medical assistance program which may be retained by a resident
1 27 of a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for
1 28 persons with mental retardation, or an intermediate care
1 29 facility for persons with mental illness, as defined in Code
1 30 section 135C.1, or who is a resident of a psychiatric medical
1 31 institution for children as defined in Code section 135H.1.
1 32 The personal needs allowance, currently \$50, is to be
1 33 increased by the same percentage as the most recent cost of
1 34 living adjustment announced by the United States social
1 35 security administration for the purpose of determining social
2 1 security.
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